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Town & District

A carload of lumber arrived in town last week for the new school. The lumber has been hauled to the school yard and stacked. Work will start on the new building as soon as the frost is out of the ground and it is hoped to have it finished by fall. The school will cost some \$80,000 and when finished will be a substantial building.

Cecil Weder who has been with the staff of the Bank of Commerce for the past six months is being transferred to Edmonton where he will get a promotion. His home is at Redwater, where the big northern Alberta oil fields are located. With his experience he became a very popular young man in town and is going to be missed in musical circles.

Laurie Brown has taken on the job of building the residence owned by Alex Fontaine. This place was once known as the Plant house. Several years ago the cellar caved in and this has permitted the house to drop on the north side about a foot. Mr. Brown thinks he may have quite a job leveling the house since it is very heavy. It is a two story building built in 1908. The walls are of twelve inch plank. Planks were very cheap in those far off days. Imagine what it would cost to build a house of planks at the present time.

Campbell Evans of Calgary spent a day in town last week looking up old friends. Mr. Evans was for many years stockman on the Blackfoot Reserve until he retired some months ago. He has been working on the blood reserve near Cardston and will return there soon to resume his work. While in town he held a surprise he had been sent to Arizona for a couple of months. When asked what he was doing down there he replied that he had been looking for a wealthy widow but had no luck.

The Curling Club held its annual oyster supper last week at the Recreation Centre. Besides the club members there were quite a few invited guests. Some from Calgary who formerly lived in Gleichen and were members of the club, namely: R. W. Brown, Jas. Black and J. Egleson. Also among the guests was the slimy son of Bessano who won the curling championship of Alberta this winter and was in the final for the Dominion championship for the McDonald Brier at Winnipeg. Bob Brown acted as toastmaster and had an interesting program of songs during the occasion. With J. Egleson at the piano there was plenty of music. It was the very first time since the morning before the party broke up.

WHY NOT LADIES?

It is some thirty-five years since Canadian women first voted in a federal election. During the years that the ladies fought for the franchise their leaders promised great things for the nation if the women received the right to vote. That promise, somehow, has not been fulfilled.

Women have not taken part in local provincial and federal affairs that they might have. In this country there are several million women, few have ever served on municipal councils, on school boards, in the legislature or in parliament. Why?

We think that women should be a part of public life, for they have much good common sense, much organizational ability, much executive ability that the country needs.

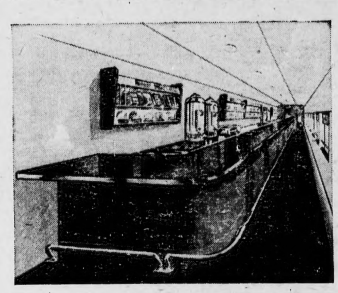
Why not women on our school boards and our town councils? They are many ladies in our community who would be real assets to any board.

We wonder why the ladies of the nation have not been more active in public life. In their own organizations they do a wonderful job. Why should they not focus their abilities on larger spheres of action?

Women are no longer tied to their homes. Burdened with housekeeping, tail—modern science and invention has released them from that. They have taken their place in business, in industry, in professions, but to only a minor degree in public life.

The welfare of Canada demands the interest and active participation of women in local and national affairs. How about it ladies?

More than 1,700 billion Canadians are employed full time in industry and commerce.



An artist's impression of the interior of the Canadian Pacific Railway's new restaurant, country cars which will go into service soon to feed over 50,000 immigrants which the railway expects to carry from eastern Canadian ports to points across country during 1952. The new cars follow a

design conceived by the C.P.R.'s sleeping and dining, colonization, and mechanical departments after tests conducted last year with stripped-down standard dining cars proved the need for newly designed equipment. Their aim is to provide less costly meals more quickly in a setting which will make the traveller feel at ease.

OBITUARY

MRS. MARY DAFOE
A former resident of Gleichen remembered by old timers Mrs. Mary Daeoe, 87, died Saturday in Calgary. She was the stepmother of Sam Daeoe. Mrs. Daeoe lived in the district for many years and for a time lived on a farm north east of town. She moved to Calgary many years ago where she lived until she died. Mrs. Daeoe was born in Peterboro, Ont., and came west in 1908. Surviving are two stepsons Sam of Calgary and Gordon of Alderside; three daughters, Mrs. Sara Ironside, Mrs. J. Love and Hazel. The funeral took place Tuesday in Calgary.

A CALAMITY CRY

In a recent sermon, a pastor in Alberta made a statement that sounded familiar, as follows: "There is lawlessness everywhere. Children no longer obey their parents. It is evident that the end of the age is at hand."

Then it's pastor told the congregation that the words were not original with him, not even an utterance of the present day. They were translated from an inscription on a brick found in the ruins of ancient Assyria, insulating centuries before the time of Jesus.

Records which have been preserved during all periods of recorded history give evidence of similar conditions existing in the world. Sometimes an improvement is noted; again lawlessness and violence become more prevalent than ever. While present day conditions are bad enough, it seems that in the past, there is more thought given to the relief of suffering, to the betterment of industrial conditions to mutual helpfulness and like matters of benefit to humanity than in former times.

Although the world was given civilization a second act back in some respects we must remember that war has marked the history of every generation of mankind. The same is true of lawlessness, oppression and every other manifestation of immorality.

There will always exist in greater or less degree so long as good and evil struggle for mastery in the hearts and minds of men.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

The hockey protest lodged by Gleichen over the last game with Vegreville was tossed out by the powers that be. So that ends hockey for this year as far as Gleichen is concerned. Next month a presentation by the hockey fans of Gleichen will be made to the town.

Great credit is coming to the boys for the way they looked after the rink this winter. There was no hired caretaker so the boys made the ice and looked after the place and when they got time they learned how to play hockey. Buster Stott, their manager, did a wonderful job in coaching his boys when he had time. How he found time no one seems to know. If it had not been for him there would have been very little hockey. He spent enough time to get the team into the

finals. Getting into the finals is a feat and is something a lot of the players will never be able to boast of again since a number of them are over age for midget hockey. If they want to play they will have to enter the 18 years and under class of hockey. By the way a couple of more seasons roll around a number of the lads will be living elsewhere and will not have the chance to get into good hockey. Here's hoping. Buster maintains his interest in hockey in the years ahead and have the look to produce a championship team.

The members of the Gleichen branch of the Canadian Legion are going to have a stag party in their hall Friday night. It will be the official opening of their club rooms. Legion members are expected from all the surrounding towns and from as far west as Camrose. The president of the Legion who resides in Edmonton is also expected to be present.

Walter Pettit has purchased the residence owned by "A. J. Jensen, formerly known as the Walters residence. Next month Mr. Pettit will have extensive repairs made to the house before he moves in. The house he occupies at present was sold some time ago to Art Bernier. Mr. Anderson and family are moving to Saskatchewan where they will reside in future.

The Christmas Seal campaign in Alberta was an unqualified success, totalling \$106,410 from 100,010 individual contributors. This is an increase of \$22,400 over the 1950 sale. The campaign ended February 22nd, and it took about a week to close them for audit purposes, but money is still rolling in, and probably by now there are several thousand dollars held by local committees to start of this year's campaign. This district which is in the Medicine Hat area contributed \$9,392.

All Fools Day will be with us once again next Tuesday, and we might take the time to learn a valuable lesson. Be it known that every day of the year is All Fools Day for the crooks who prey on the unwary. People used to be sent for left handed monkey wrenches and hen's teeth, and other things on April 1st, and furnished much amusement by their acquiring them. Such simple ruses have given place to more astute jokes as time advances, but still the spirit of All Fools Day prevails on the first of April. The point we wish to make is that good folks might take a course in being fooled at this season of the year, so as to be proof against sellers of fake stocks and countless other forms of crookedness, that will likely take thousands in the land, as long as the world rolls on. Just as the searcher for the left handed monkey wrench has gone out of vogue the buyer of the bona-fide gold brick has ceased to exist. But this does not mean that the snares of the crooked are not spread with care. So be wise. Take your fill of being harmlessly fooled on April 1st but beware of being fooled on other days of the year. It may prove costly.

In Canada there is a bank known for every 5,000 Canadians.

License Plates Available Soon

The Provincial Secretary's Department will start issuing this year's passenger car license plates on March 28. New plates have already been shipped to many of the 320 municipalities throughout the province and others being dispatched daily. All issuers will have plates in their hands in time to commence issuing on March 28.

In former years the issuing of passenger car licenses was commenced at an earlier date. This date the delay has been occasioned by the fact that steel shortages prevented the manufacture from supplying requirements in sufficient time to permit issuing at an earlier date.

Applicants are particularly requested to complete forms of application for renewal of registration for the car and renewal of driver's license at home and present these forms when applying for their new plates. This should be done regardless of whether the driver is operating the same car as last year or not.

Application forms for renewal of registration will be mailed to all motorists who had a passenger car registration last year. These applications should be in motorists hands on or before March 28.

The new plates are of a permanent type which means they will be used for two or more years, depending on how long they will last. The new license plates issued are required to remain with the car, that is if the owner of a passenger motor vehicle sells or transfers his car, his license registration and plates must also be transferred to the new owner. It is hoped that this will be possible for all motorists to obtain their 1952 plates without too much inconvenience by April 15th.

Half of all Canada's dentists graduate from the University of Toronto.

The Ottawa Letter

It is said that history writes strange pages in its ever-growing volume. That may be so, but human nature does not change very much and history often repeats itself. One author gets great pleasure in turning the pages of the many volumes in the archives and reliving the lives of the great men and women of former times.

In reading Canadian political history it is quite clear that the great prime ministers of our country were close students of history. They read carefully the records of the past to see what the reaction of people would be under certain circumstances. They learned what had been tried, what had failed and what had succeeded. They noted past experiences and were able to distinguish passing fancies from sound, enduring principles.

Sir John A. Macdonald and Sir Robert Borden fostered a feeling of national pride and did much to develop a self-reliant nationhood in Canada. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, by his kindly ways and inspiring eloquence, developed a warmth of national feeling which did much to avoid in Canada the bitter, civil struggles that brought much suffering and blood-

shed in other nations where there were two or more classes of people with diametrically opposite views.

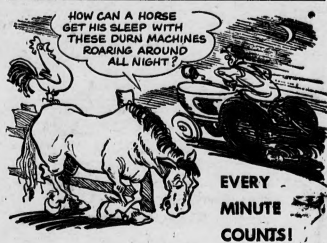
The late Mr. King retained the high office much longer than any other man. He was a great student and had an uncanny gift of predicting public reactions. Men high up in statecraft said that he studied to oppose his views because, even if they seemed to be wrong at the time, they so often turned out to be correct.

The speeches of the present Prime Minister indicates that he, too, has a great knowledge of history. Recently at Battleford he referred to the

rebellion of 1885. Nothing could justify the crimes of Louis Riel, but, looking behind all the cruelty and mistakes he could see that there was a real reason for protesting against an injustice.

In Toronto Mr. St. Laurent pointed out that Canada was really born as a nation in 1841. The union of Upper and Lower Canada took place on that date and instead of there being two warring provinces a single state was formed. This union paved the way for the larger federation of 1867 and was an important event in Canada's colorful history.

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HERE AND THERE

Al Wilson, the local Calgary Power representative, spent last week in Calgary attending a school run by the Calgary Power.

Lac. Leslie Hampton arrived Friday from Gilm, Manitoba to spend a week visiting his father Stuart Hampton manager of Sportive Stores here.

Last week an outfit moved onto the Indian reserve to test for oil. They expect to be in the vicinity for several weeks.

The mild weather since Saturday has played havoc with the snow and it is fast disappearing. Everyone has had enough of winter and is happy to see the snow go.

The members of the Ladies Curling Club held their annual banquet one evening last week immediately following their one day 'spiel. The event was held at the home of Mrs. Cam Brown.

Headed by Austin Horn, the town secretary treasurer, the Gleichen Library has come to life and resumed operations. Mr. Horn finds there is a great demand for books by local people. They particularly want late books. If you have any books that you do not want the library would appreciate it very much if you would make a present of them to the library.

The curling season wound up last week in a blaze of glory when a couple of bonspiels were held. One by the ladies lasted one day and the other by the men lasting two days. Most of the men's rinks were bolstered by one or two ladies. This was done in order to make complete rinks. Before the 'spels were finished a lot of the ladies found they had been tossing rinks and sweeping for three days.

Steve Williams the well known farm instructor on the Blackfoot Reserve at Chum was taken quite ill last week and hurried to a hospital in Calgary. Latest reports he is doing very well.

Civil defence instructors from Alberta fire departments will be trained at schools being held in various parts of Alberta from March to May. The course in Calgary will be held April 14 to 19. Two members of each fire

department or brigade may attend the course, preferably the chief and another fireman who would make a suitable instructor. The provincial government will pay transportation costs to and from the schools and will pay subsistence for the six-day course. Training manuals, equipment and protective clothing will be provided. All delegates to any of the schools must register with the Provincial Fire Commissioner Administrative Building, Edmonton, at least one week prior to the opening of the school which they will attend. Firemen attending the school should be covered by their own men's compensation. Gleichen will send men to this school.

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